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Damaged Children's Goods.

**JOHN G. COHEN** will sell, at the Bank

Auction Rooms, TO-MORROW, Tuesday,

May 11th, at 11 o'clock.

On account of whom it may concern,

LAD-3 cases of children's

5 ditto of children's

15 ditto of children's

All more or less damaged by sea water.

Terms at sale.

Timber Sale.

The Cargo of the *Chango*, from Singapore, consisting of

Timber, iron, and other goods, will be sold by auction, at the

rooms of Messrs. Smith and Gordon, 400, George-street, on

TUESDAY, 11th May, at 11 o'clock.

For further particulars see advertisements.

Terms at sale.

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THIS DAY, 10th May, 1886.

On the premises of Messrs. Smith and Gordon.

Continuation of Sale of Books, commencing at 10 3/4 in

Catalogue.

**CHATTO and HUGHES** apprise purchasers

of books that they will continue the sale of

the choice selection, on the premises of Messrs. Smith and

Gordon, (which, owing to the large number of lots could

not be completed on Friday), THIS DAY, the 10th

instant, at 11 o'clock.

The enclosed sale will commence at 10 3/4 in the

catalogue.

Terms at sale.

THIS DAY, Monday.

On the premises of Messrs. Smith and Gordon, Pitt-

street.

Very superior and quite complete Lithographic Press,

by Westbury and Sons, London Wall.

Lithographic Materials

Stones, Types, &c., &c.

**CHATTO and HUGHES** have received

instructions to sell by auction, on the premises

of Messrs. Smith and Gordon, THIS DAY, Monday, 10th

instant, at 11 o'clock.

One very superior and complete Lithographic Press,

15 x 15 inches

A steel type set to fit the press

A quantity of lithographic stones and transfer paper

Chalks, &c., &c.

All together recommended by the auctioneers as

complete in every requisite.

Terms at sale.

ON MONDAY, 10th May.

On the premises of Messrs. Smith and Gordon, Pitt-

street.

Handsome Shop Fixtures and Fittings, suitable for a

Butcher's Shop.

**CHATTO and HUGHES** have received

instructions to sell by auction, on the premises

of Messrs. Smith and Gordon, THIS DAY, Monday, 10th

instant, at 11 o'clock.

Handsome mahogany shop counters

Glass show cases

Office cases

Other fixtures, and every requisite for a handsome

shop.

Terms at sale.

Dutch Carpets.

**CHATTO and HUGHES** have received

instructions to sell by auction, at their Sale

Rooms, 400, George-street, on TUESDAY, 11th May,

at 11 o'clock.

5 bales Dutch carpeting.

Terms at sale.

TUESDAY, 11th May.

On account of whom it may concern.

Ex-Korlaner, - master, from London.

**CHATTO and HUGHES** have received

instructions to sell by auction, at their Sale

Rooms, 400, George-street, on TUESDAY, 11th May,

at 11 o'clock.

24 gross fancy brads

14 yards 1 inch black elastic

24 gross diamond pins

3 gross buttons and eyes

4, the patent pins

14 dozen tape, various

1 gross red cotton, black

17 dozen ditto ditto

10, the Berlin wools

1 piece silk, 67 yards

1 ditto black cashmere, 63 yards

4 black ditto, 67 yards

3 ditto colored

3 ditto velvet

3 ditto alpaca

3 ditto velvet

All more or less damaged by sea water.

Terms, cash.

TUESDAY, 11th May.

17 cases Mole Trappers.











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## ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN QUESTIONS.

## THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE ASSEMBLY.

THE turn which the debate on Tuesday took upon the question of the removal of the Artillery from this colony, threw up a number of points which must again receive the attention of the Legislature.

The discussion respecting the conduct of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL was fraught with inconveniences of the most serious kind. His position in this colony demands that his name should be rarely mixed with political differences, and especially that the Ministers should never separate themselves from the GOVERNOR in matters which have reference to the peculiar interests of this country. Gentlemen opposed to the removal of the Artillery appeared occasionally to feel that they were placed by the turn of the debate in antagonism with the GOVERNOR himself.

In defence of the measure by the Ministers rested chiefly upon the propriety of his Excellency's conduct. Their case was simply this: the GOVERNOR, anxious to strengthen the authorities in India, and having no control over the military, stimulated an application from Lord CANNING, and has placed an interpretation upon his Lordship's despatch which, it is more generous to suppose, is the true and proper one. We do not question that his Excellency acted in accordance with the natural feelings of a British soldier, or that he acted discreetly as the representative of the QUEEN. It was for the Ministers, whenever the views of the GOVERNOR came into practical operation, to give such advice upon their responsibility as might be consistent with the welfare of the colony. It was their duty to prefer the welfare of the colony to the welfare of any other part of the British Empire; or, if disposed to make a sacrifice, they should have first consulted the representatives of the people. His Excellency was not bound to lay before the colony his private communications with Lord CANNING. At all events, he had the right of a private gentleman to use every freedom in his letters, and his representations could have no effect but with the concurrence of his advisers. Whilst, however, this is admitted, it must also be acknowledged that the allusion in the debate to Lord CANNING's private answer to his Excellency's private letter, was an infringement of constitutional principles. It was competent for the Ministers to decline producing any correspondence which it might be to the advantage of the public to withhold, but it was not to give an indefinite description of its contents, such as might mislead the judgment of the House, and leave every man to fill up with language the vague idea floating in his imagination. Indeed, the whole discussion, so far as it concerned the GOVERNOR-GENERAL, was calculated to affect his constitutional status, and place him in a false position before the representatives of the people.

The censure pronounced by two of the Ministers on Major-General MACARTHUR, the officer in command, for not sending the troops in the colonies to India, was in the highest degree scandalous. No doubt, what Mr. ROBERT CAMPBELL and Mr. JOHN ROBERTSON can say upon military subjects would not greatly injure the reputation of the gallant old soldier; but, remembering their accidental position, their accusations are not to be entirely neglected. We should like to know in what constitutional school these gentlemen have learned that the distribution of the military force of the empire is subject to the particular statement. We have always understood that the location of the military is one of the most difficult and responsible tasks of the central power. They are placed in reference, not only to the population among whom they dwell, but to the general movement of the entire army, and the concentration of masses of soldiers for particular objects. Had Major-General MACARTHUR dispatched a regiment of soldiers on the arrival of the Indian news he would have probably gratified a patriotic feeling, but he might have committed a most serious mistake. The report of the necessity existing could not arrive in this colony sooner than it was in the power of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL of India to dispatch any requisition he might think necessary. Major-General MACARTHUR knew that it was not impossible for the force he might take upon himself to the India might be intended by the authorities at home to perform a service in an opposite direction. What would English statesmen say to the doctrine laid down by these colonial politicians? What would be their opinion were the military of the British Empire to be marched and counter-marched under vague impressions of necessity? By pursuing this course we should soon involve the whole military system in inextricable confusion, and the country in the greatest danger. When, therefore, Major-General MACARTHUR is reproached for not removing upon his own authority the military from Victoria and New South Wales, we have not only to object that it is ungratifying to condemn a man unheard, but that it is the worst kind of political heresy to invest a commanding officer with functions which are entirely beyond his sphere and inconsistent with his duties.

[Sydney Morning Herald, April 17.]

The colony will read the answer of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL to the Address respecting the removal of the Artillery with much regret. It will be taken as an impeachment, rather than a reply. We can scarcely find more mortifying imputations than those which will go forth to the world in the language of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL, addressed, through the SPEAKER, to the Assembly: "So far from affording any assistance to the Government of India," he observes, "the Assembly have shown every disposition to withhold that aid which the Government and military authorities are alike convinced might safely and advantageously be afforded."

These, it must be admitted, are bitter words, and not calculated to establish much harmony between the head of the Executive and the Assembly. The complaint of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL is not without some foundation. In reply to his speech from the dais, the Assembly used language which assented cordially to the measures which he was urged to make. As the affair may make "a very pretty quarrel," it will be worth while to reprint the passages. The Speech said—

"8. Under an impression that the Sikhs in India had risen, and feeling convinced that a large portion of the troops in New South Wales could, without danger to the public safety, be spared, while it was probable that an augmentation of the forces in India would be advantageous to the Australian colonies, the General Commanding in the Australian colonies, the 77th Regiment should proceed to India, leaving only two companies to perform military duty in the colony. It was also proposed that the 77th Regiment should be detached for a time to assist in quelling the disturbances in the Indian territories, and

that a number of horses to remount the battery should be provided at the expense of the colony, in order to contribute to show the sympathy of the people of New South Wales with their fellow-countrymen in India in their time of danger and necessity."

This paragraph certainly discloses the intentions of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL fully—the despatch of the Artillery, and the demand of money to purchase horses. The subsequent information from Lord CANNING led the GOVERNOR-GENERAL to revert to his first plan but did not in the slightest degree change it. Thus if the removal of the Artillery were an obnoxious measure, or if the purchase of horses at the public expense were an extravagant outlay—they were not less worthy of condemnation at the delivery of the Speech than at present. In reply to the Speech, the "faithful Commons" spoke as follows:—

"6. It would have afforded us the highest gratification to have been able to co-operate with your Excellency in your proposal for the transportation of the 77th Regiment and the company of Artillery stationed in Sydney to India had the supposed necessity arisen. We rejoice, however, that the singular heroism of our Majesty's troops, and the success by which that heroism has been so speedily followed, have rendered it unnecessary to incur expenses which our feelings of loyalty to our Sovereign, and sympathy with our fellow-subjects in India, would have led us cheerfully and promptly to contribute."

An inference might be reasonably drawn, that the only thing required by the Assembly was the proper opportunity to complete the plan of the GOVERNOR, who inferred that what the House would have cheerfully done, it would ever be willing to do.

We fear that the reply to the Address was a mere matter of form with the Assembly: it was penned by the Ministers and printed before it was seen by members; it passed without a division. The House considered it polite to express all the delight which accompanied a complimentary without cost; and as neither cash nor Artillery were required, they were not disposed to question whether they could be spared.

The terms of the GOVERNOR's reply is however not justified by the facts, and it is in the highest degree impolitic. His Excellency lay for the last three years filled an office imposing upon him duties both new and delicate, and he has done so with general approval. It is not however by assailing the constitutional rights of the Assembly he will continue a successful career. That dignified neutrality and reserve which his place in the Government permits him to indulge, requires that he should withhold his sanction from a style of address which no body of Englishmen will hear without a sense of humiliation.

[Sydney Morning Herald, April 17.]

It was perhaps unfortunate that the question asked by Mr. MURRAY of Mr. COWPER had not been put before Mr. THORNTON prepared his resolution on the question of privilege. The reply placed the House in possession of the true state of the case, and shifted the responsibility from the GOVERNOR to the COLONIAL SECRETARY. Mr. COWPER stated, though without any consultation with his colleagues, he had visited the GOVERNOR for the purpose of agreeing to the reply to an address of the Assembly, and that the reply received his concurrence.

We gather from the manner of Mr. COWPER as much as from his words, that the reply has been prepared before he was called to the consultation, and that he rather approved than contributed to its peculiar character. The House, having had this admission from the Chief Secretary, is bound to pass over the GOVERNOR-GENERAL entirely, and to lose sight of any personal feeling which he might have in the composition or style of the reply. If responsible government has given us any hold upon the Ministry at all, it is in making the Secretary responsible for the official acts of his EXCELLENCY, and especially for communications made to the House. We do not now inquire how far the rebuke was merited, or whether the construction of his EXCELLENCY's reply was a forced one. It is far more important in the first instance that we should establish the responsibility, and that we should know who to censure, if censure be deserved.

The real ground of quarrel, and that, we have no doubt, which is felt by the Assembly, is not that the GOVERNOR in his reply erroneously construed the address of the House in answer to the Speech, but that he expressed himself in terms of severity, discourteous to the Assembly and calculated to debate it in the est. of the world. What is the GOVERNOR to do when he receives a remonstrance? Is he to retract? But Mr. COWPER justifies the document, and he has said so in the presence of the Assembly. Is the GOVERNOR to humble himself and confess that he is wrong while his Minister in the House maintains he is right? This would indeed make ministerial responsibility a wretched absurdity. The House has but one course; namely, to treat the rebuke as the reply which it merits, and to pronounce judgment within its own walls. Without pretending any great parliamentary lore, we cannot recall to mind any modern instance of the House of Commons maintaining a mere opinion as against the opinion of the Crown, and bandying censures and rejoinders, and that without having any practical end in view. Where explanations are given as to the other House, it is for the purpose of smoothing the path of legislation and protecting the House of Commons and its privileges; not to chop logic and weigh epithets. The Assembly has been, in its own opinion, insulted by the language addressed to it; and, if responsible government is worth a straw, the only persons amenable are the responsible Ministers of the Crown. We estimate very highly the functions of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL as the representative of the QUEEN, and as the proper guardian of Imperial interests, but whenever he communicates with the House or acts in connection with other branches of the Legislature, it must be through his Ministers, and acting in conformity with their advice. Any other course would only involve us in perpetual confusion.

[Sydney Morning Herald, April 21.]

**MORETON BAY CONSTITUTION.**  
We have laid before our readers a series of documents upon the separation of Moreton Bay. Many of them refer to details which are more interesting to people on the spot than to the colony at large. We are glad to find that his EXCELLENCY has fairly represented public feeling upon the subject of the bill for the Division of the Moreton Bay debt. The Ministers of England have now before them the whole case, and it will be for them to determine when separation shall take place, and what the guarantees of the colony against repudiation, and the public creditor against the damage of his securities.

It will be seen by the despatches of the GOVERNOR that he has made several important suggestions in reference to the construction of the Assembly. The present Electoral Act is suggested as the basis of important modifications. Thus the GOVERNOR proposes "that no elector should be entitled to more than one vote, or to speak more correctly, that no elector should be entitled to vote for more than one member in any given district."

He adds, "When the population is large enough in any district to entitle to return two members, the practice of giving to each elector two votes has the effect, in the first place, of doubling the elector's power of each individual, and thus of placing him in a better position than the electors in a smaller district, and, in the second place, of admitting, and even suggesting combinations, by which a large majority may have the power of returning both members, and thus practically depriving a minority, whose numbers may be such as to entitle it to return one member, of any representation at all."

Thus the GOVERNOR has suggested, for the guidance of the SECRETARY OF STATE, principles which we should suppose are not endorsed by his Ministers. We strongly sympathise with the views of Sir WILLIAM DIXON upon this important subject. There can be no doubt that the establishment of a Government upon the population basis, and the blending of towns and country districts into one electoral mass, will not only disfranchise the country, but place the Government entirely in the hands of the people resident in the towns. Abuses would follow which need not be described; they are pointed out by the very principles of human nature, and are in course of exhibition even in the proceedings of the present Assembly. We need not prove what every man is conscious must be the case—that legislation will be warped to the interests of those who make the laws. It has been so from the beginning of the world; it will continue to be so until the Millennium. If, therefore, the population basis were recognised by the Crown in the separation of the colonies, it would be even more pernicious because the separation of classes in that quarter is more marked and complete.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL appears to have devoted great attention and considerable ability in the discussion of the various points included in his despatches. We shall have occasion to examine them more minutely hereafter. We may, however, remark that, in the 7th clause of the Constitution Act, it is provided that the Crown may, by letters patent, or Order in Council "make provision for the Government of any such colony, and for the establishment of a Legislature therein, in manner as nearly resembling the form of Government and Legislature which shall be at such time established in New South Wales, as the circumstances of such colony may allow." A question may fairly be asked whether, if an Electoral Bill should pass, altering the constitution of the Assembly, and another bill changing the form of the Legislative Council before the date of the letters patent—the existing model of our Legislature would answer the requirements of the Imperial Act. It may happen that the constitution for Moreton Bay, issued by the Privy Council, will in no sense be a counterpart of that actually existing in New South Wales at the date of its issue. We have the recommendations of his EXCELLENCY in reference to the representation of minorities, but it will, we fear, be met on the threshold with this difficulty: that it has not been adopted in the New South Wales Constitution.

Mr. BUCKLEY is decidedly mistaken. No member of the Assembly ever contributed a leader in the *Herald* on the subject of Moreton Bay, or on any other subject whatever.

[Sydney Morning Herald, April 19.]

## RUMOURS OF WAR.

We need not call upon our readers to appreciate the enterprise which has brought news of such importance as are contained in our telegram of yesterday. The death of Sir CHARLES FITZ ROY, and the elevation of Mr. WILLIAM MONTAGUE MANNING, are facts of local interest; but the account of the defeat of Lord PALMERSTON's Ministry upon a high question of foreign policy, by a majority of 19, is an event with which no private or domestic incident can be put into comparison. The relations of France and England have long occasioned some uneasiness. It was therefore no novel idea which was expressed in a leader of this Journal on the 13th April, on the eve of Mr. THORNTON's motion for the retention of the Artillery:—"We are not so sure European politics may not render it necessary that our fortifications should be kept in good order. The difficulties of India offer a strong temptation to any great power disposed to quarrel with Europe." In the course of the debate this sentiment was expressed by some of the speakers, and ridiculed by others. The recent news not only shows that the despatch of the Artillery for service in India was not very urgently required, but that the state of European politics makes vigilance on the part of our own local Government a matter of the highest necessity.

The present sovereign of France has addressed to England remonstrances such as have been already addressed to other powers of Europe too feeble to dispute the dictation. England has always offered an asylum to all willing to obey her laws, and refused to be the instrument of their persecution. What aggravates the national repugnance to pass a law under the pressure of the French Government is the fact that its chief, and many of its most prominent supporters, were formerly indebted to England for shelter—that in England, indeed, they plotted treason against their Government—that Louis NAPOLEON himself, having enjoyed the hospitality of England, and afterwards unsuccessfully assailed the then monarch of France, was permitted to return to his former asylum, and enjoy the security of British protection—that he was permitted there to re-assert the reach of the powers of Europe—all united against his dynasty—all prepared to co-operate for his destruction. The life of NAPOLEON the Third was one long conspiracy. His alliances were of every description. His elevation was by steps which the event may pardon, but which morality can never vindicate; and now, on being assailed in his own country, find him demanding of England to alter her laws, has thus placed the people at an insult and a threat.

The significance of this pressure has been fully explained by the action of the French army and the conduct of the official organ of France. There can be no other interpretation put upon the addresses than that they threaten England with war, and that this threat has been sanctioned by the official organ of France. No doubt the letter of apology from the French Minister would remove the stigma had it been published in France, and had not the offence been renewed; but England is not yet sunk so low as to permit the ostentatious insult to the British nation to be one of the successful arts of a despotic ruler of France, however much he may regret the reaction against him in the nation so insulted and threatened. Such, then, was the issue to be determined by the British Commons—chosen especially to vindicate the

national honour—sent to fortify Lord PALMERSTON in his resolution to bring the Chinese authorities within the usage of civilised nations, and to compel them to respect their treaties. Their resolution was taken in the midst of a terrific struggle in India, and in the absence of a large portion of the military force—taken in the presence of a power within an hour's steam, and having an army that could be concentrated in a day. It shows how resolute and sound is the heart of England; that there are men left on her soil sufficient to stand by the right of asylum, and to oppose the aggression of any power, however strong, on the principles which have been the glory and safety of Great Britain amidst the wreck of thrones and the ruin of dynasties.

Much as war would distress us; great as the peril to which we should be exposed; heavy as would be the cost thrown upon the country for its own defence, still we believe there are few men even in New South Wales who would not encounter all these risks rather than see England pale before European despots, or be one whit less an asylum for the persecuted. It is our interest to maintain amicable relations with France, but nothing can obliterate from our remembrance its history for the last few scores of years, or convince us that a length of time can maintain itself for any length of time that despotism must be overthrown. Citizens will disappear before the men of the sword; law will give place to "order of the day;" and the whole nation, laid down under innumerable thralls, will seem bereft of intelligence and vitality, until by some mighty thro it heaves off the whole incubus together.

The telegram has put us in possession of this momentous fact. A few days hence we may know more fully what will be its effect upon the relations of England. We hope earnestly that the assertion of our national independence will be received as it is meant—not as a symbol of anarchy, or hostility to the dynasty of Orleans, but as the real determination on the part of the British nation never to yield to a threat—never to effect a change, even though desirable in itself, under a foreign pressure. If, however, unhappily a warlike spirit, or the necessities of a military despot, should prompt an attack upon Great Britain, we shall be immediately involved in the struggle. Has our Government made any preparation to defend this country? Is that part of the GOVERNOR's speech promising some military organisation a mere delusion? When we are told that Europe is in profound peace, and that therefore we may dispense with every soldier and every gun, we fear that great facts in the present state of the world are overlooked, and that the awful possibility that at any moment the conflicting passions of Europe may involve the whole Continent in conflagration, and a profound peace of Europe is the ominous stillness which sometimes settles upon the earth before the elements commence their strife and all nature seems to look pale and tremble.

[Sydney Morning Herald, May 1.]

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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